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## **Rowan County Board of Commissioners**

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## PROCLAMATION SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 1 - 7, 2009

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is a function of government, dependent upon the leadership of executive officers and the efforts of many career first responders and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, weather hazards can be extremely severe resulting in deaths, injuries, and extensive property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, severe thunderstorms, that bring damaging winds, lightning, flash floods, and tornadoes, frequent the spring and summer Rowan County landscape and have often placed in jeopardy lives and property; and

WHEREAS, under the coordination of the National Weather Service with the strong support of the State of North Carolina, local county emergency management, and a number of state, federal, local, and volunteer agencies and businesses will be informing and educating the public on steps that should be taken to survive the severe weather hazards and the potential disasters that this spring may bring; and

**WHEREAS**, by taking reasonable precautions, citizens of Rowan County and it's municipalities can reduce the loss of life and property and also decrease the effects of severe weather on our local resources and economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim March 1-7, 2009 to be:

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in Rowan County, and urges all citizens to cooperate wholeheartedly with the authorized agencies of our government who will be providing appropriate preparedness information for the 2009 spring and summer season and to avail themselves of all possible assistance for their protection and for the prevention of serious accidents or unexpected disasters during this period.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2009.

Carl Ford, Chairman

Rowan County Commission

ATTEST:

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